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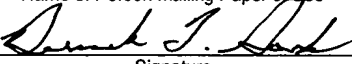Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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(1)   Miyatake et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,241,575, issued August 31, 1993;

(2)   Takada et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,973,833, issued November 27, 1990; and

(3)   Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No.(A) 3-192764, published August 22, 1991.

Reference (1) is a corresponding U.S. Patent of reference (3).

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite #	DOCUMENT NUMBER	CODE	PATENTEE	ISSUE DATE (mm/dd/yy)	CLASS	SUB CLASS	Filing Date if Appropriate
	(1)	5,241,575		Miyatake et al	08/31/1993	377	60	
	(2)	4,973,833		Takada et al	11/27/1990	250	208	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	(3)	JP	3-192764	(A)	08/22/1991		No

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